

INTRODUCTION

LAKE HAVASU CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT LIMITED MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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Study Purpose

The purpose of this limited master plan study is to update the current Master Plan, prepared by Coffman and Associates in August 1994, that includes a review of current projects, examination of alternatives, and revalidation of future capital improvement needs.

The Limited Master Plan Update will be prepared in a manner consistent with the needs of the community served by the Lake Havasu City Airport and in conformance with applicable guidelines established by the FAA.

Study Design

The Limited Master Plan Update is organized by chapters and sections that correlate with the 1994 Airport Master Plan to simplify cross-referencing.

Goal and Objectives

The goals and objectives selected for this study are designed to meet community guidelines, address relevant public concerns and consider the many different interests at Lake Havasu City Municipal Airport.

The following list of study goals and objectives was compiled as a result of initial meetings. These represent desired conditions to be achieved in the study.

Goal: Develop an updated demand forecast that is responsive to current airport activity levels and socioeconomic factors.

Objectives:

- To identify changes in aircraft and passenger activity levels.
- To revalidate and amend the 1994 Master Plan Forecasts.

Goal: To provide airport facilities and services to meet the 20 year planning period in a fiscally responsible manner that maximizes safety, efficiency, and opportunity for use.

Objectives:

- To revise the 1994 Master Plan recommended facilities with current inventory and standards established by federal, state and local agencies.
- To update the Airport Layout Plan in accordance with FAA Advisory Circulars and the most current version of the ALP checklist published by the Western-Pacific Region of the FAA.

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- To develop an updated Capital Improvement Program for airport project sequencing, scheduling and current cost estimates.

Goal: To ensure airport compatibility with local land use developments and plans.

Objectives:

- To identify aviation and non-aviation land use potential within the airport boundary.
- To examine alternate uses of airport property, considering site constraints, that would enhance compatibility.
- To strive for the minimal amount of environmental impact to the surrounding communities.

Goal: To evaluate the airport's rate-making practices and overall level of rates and charges and to develop a rate structure that reflects Lake Havasu's unique circumstances, current industry practices and federal regulatory environment.

Objectives:

- To evaluate the airport's existing level of rates and charges to determine the potential for recovering operating expenses and capital outlays through the phased implementation of "fair and reasonable" rates.
- To develop a strategy for establishing airport rates and charges overall policies and for negotiating airline use and lease agreements based on costs incurred by the airport.
- To comply with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant assurance requirement and Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges for airports to operate "as financially self-sustaining as possible".
- To identify other aviation-related revenue enhancement opportunities by comparing the airport's current schedule of rates and charges with other airports of similar size and operation to determine if the airport's rates are comparable and competitive.